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11. (SBU) Pol Chief delivered ref A points to Ingibjorg Davidsdottir, Counsellor for Human Rights at the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs on 2 March (Note: No MFA officials were available to receive the demarche at an earlier date). Davidsdottir said she was very pleased to hear that the U.S. would begin participating again as an observer at Human Rights Council meetings in Geneva and expressed her government's hope that the U.S. would consider running for a seat on the council.

12. (SBU) On the Durban Review Process, Davidsdottir noted the notification of USG withdrawal with some disappointment but said the U.S. concerns on the document were well-understood at the ministry.

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